

it
continues
to slip
from my
fingertips.

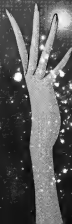
struggle,
but

I
struggle
and

What
is
it...?

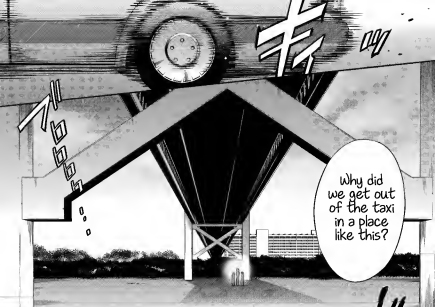
What
is
it...?

What
am I





searching
for?



Why did we get out of the taxi in a place like this?

The Nezimaki Family is after us.

The circumstances have changed.

?

Didn't you say that was the safest place?

...Earlier you told me to go back to the hotel...

Even for yakuza, they're a violent and-




dangerous
bunch.



...Y-You
could
have just
beaten
them up
like those
guys from
earlier.

You're
bodyguards,
aren't you-




If we had
entered
the city centre
that way,
there's no doubt
that we would
have been ambushed
and the taxi driver
would have
gotten mixed up
in the situation
and killed-no
doubt.

Pinning
down people
in a taxi is
child's play
for them.



I'm not
an oracle.
There
are deaths
that can't
be prevented.



...We
bodyguards
are unable
to launch
preemptive
attacks.

...I should have
done that.
I should have
done this.
There are a
lot of things
that you
think of
afterwards, but



-But



I will prevent
as many deaths
that can be
prevented
as I can.



We're waiting for
reinforcements
from Tercio.
Even though
they'll also be
getting mixed up
in the situation,
there's a big
difference between
specialists
and laymen.



...so
anyway,
what
are
we
doing
here?



...You
need...
reinforce-
ments...?



A new develop-
ment?

There's been
a new develop-
ment

It's
Tsukigata

Beep

Nori...

.....



Where-
abouts
un-
known

A
Man
who
Made
False
Accu-
sations
Against

Norito's
father-

Toshiki
Fukuda
is going to
make an
appear-
ance.

-missing



!

Norito,
you're
there,
right?

There's
no time.
Can you
put it on
speaker
mode?

?
What do you
mean he's
'going to
make an
appear-
ance'?

Alright.

Norito

Your father fabricated evidence of financial impropriety.

I can hear you.

That's my boss. He's incompetent, but not totally useless.

I'm Tsukigata, from the protection company Tercio.

-That's what the news broadcasts are saying.

He ran away!

...He did the right thing, didn't he?

Why did he have to run away!?

Because of that, mom and I...

But in truth, the circumstances are a bit more complicated than that.

Do-

-But...!



This is difficult to explain to a child, but...

...While your father was investigating financial impropriety, he stumbled across the company's shady political dealings.



He tossed mom and me aside and ran away.

-Nori...

I don't care about the reason he did it.



The company your father worked at was using the yakuza to supply women to politicians.



He had no choice.

Because of that, your father stayed silent and went into hiding.

The reality is that he was framed.

Considering the circumstances, anyone who made an accusation in the usual way would be shut up immediately—both physically and socially...

Because
of that
mom and I...

But



No matter
how much we
scrubbed away,
there was
always more.
The police
didn't do
anything...

On the
television
and on the
Internet
they said
all sorts
of
strange
things

...and
mom-

45: Anonymous: 20xx/xx/xx
OK
I found the guy's house.
46: Anonymous: 20xx/xx/xx 19:17:
That was quick lol
47: Anonymous: 2
Someone go on
Facebook with him
iso@8541nukanuka35610
just wanted to fulfil his desire for social approval
but even so it's not a serious

The walls
of our
house
were
covered
in
graffiti

we got
harassing
phone calls

Day
after
day

Wenlan @dog_sukxxxxxx

What will the the damages be? Hundreds of million? He I have no choice
but to kill himself. I feel sorry for him.

Nori...

Mom
started
acting
strange...!

Norito...

Nori...to



Why did
we have
to go
through
this!



Who cares
about doing
the right
thing...!



At the same time,
the real evidence
will be provided
to the police
and the Tokyo
District Public
Prosecutor's
Office's Special
Investigation
Department.

-But now Tercio
is providing
its assistance,
and your father
is preparing
to give an
interview
to foreign
news agencies.



Norita

I can't
answer
that
question.



-Soon
it will
be over.



I'm going
to hand
over the
phone.

Norito

I'm sorry.

12:01
CALL



Dad...



I knew it would cause problems for my family, but I didn't imagine things would go this far...

I had to convince my enemies that I had blindly fled.

There was no hope of accomplishing anything through the usual channels.

This pseudo-human trafficking to politicians and financiers, with such close yakuza involvement...

...Everything happened so quickly... I wish they had just been falsifying financial records.



it
will
be
over.



In any
case,
Tsukigata
already
explained,
but soon



...
Dad...



But
what I
remem-
bered
at that
time was...

If I turned a
blind eye to it,
I would be safe.
There was no
need to burn
my hands
gathering
chestnuts
from the fire
for someone
else.

When I
first saw
the
evidence
of these
crimes
-to tell
the truth.
I
wondered
what I
should do.

Norito



your
face.



Nori...



Despite how much you hated school, I heard you haven't missed a single day, even while this incident was in the news.

Because





Because you said you always got the prize for perfect attendance when you were in school, dad.

So... I also...

but I decided that I absolutely wouldn't miss a day.

There were people who gave me trouble, but

Hm?

A ga...

Later I'll have to get you something as a reward.

That's great, Nori.

A game console! Mom's a cheapskate and won't buy me one!



OK!

10 armed Tercio personnel in three vehicles are heading towards the rendezvous point.

Roger

-Now then, Xinling and Yasmine were in the middle of another job and couldn't make it, but

Yeah, yeah.

Easy for you to say.

Did you say something?

make sure to take care of Norito and Tonia.

Tsukasa,



I said "giving orders sure is easy" in a sarcastic manner.



Sacrifices have to be made...

...Looks like I've got no choice.





アアア...



Oi, Norito!
Don't come
over here!
Absolutely
do not
come over
here!



...What?



!!?

...Wait a
minute,
you're
supposed
to be my
bodyguard.
What are
you doing...



Eh?
Ah?

.....

Hey...
You,
what
are
you...!?



Hya!

Aaaa!

slip





Owwwww...

I'll
kill
you!!

Y-you
dummy!
Don't
look!



S-s-s-shut up!
Keep quiet and
turn in the
other direction
and wait for me!!

W-w-w-what
are you
doing!?

T-time
was short
and there
was no other
place to
change...!

1 minute
later

...It's a
bulletproof
tactical
combat
suit.

The
multilayered
carbon
sheetskin
controls cell
action potential
and increases
physical
strength...

Shut
up!

If you
were going
to change
you could
have said
so...

shing





Tooooo
baaaaaad.

Your
reinforce-
ments
aren't
coming!

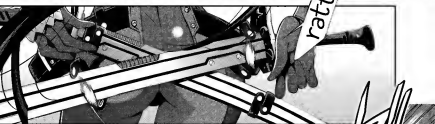




Our Family
abides by
the principle
of not using
guns unless
it's absolutely
necessary.



I wonder
how many
minutes
you'll last!









...It's a tactical katana made of steel clad in cemented carbide that was formed in outer space.

Tch... What is that blade?

Don't worry. Even striking with the flat of the blade, its power is immense.

...Ah, is that so?

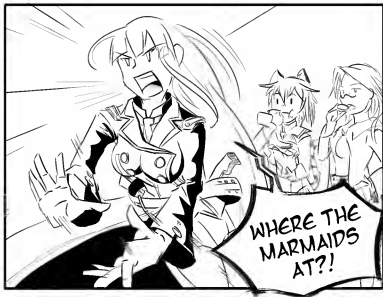
-It's unfortunate, but



Brag about
it to the
corpses
in the
afterlife!

A
KSG12...!?
[The type of shotgun]





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